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SUBJ: POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT SALE

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN PROCESS DISCUSSING WITH LESOTHO AIRWAYS PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT FOR MASERU-JOHANNESBURG RUN TO BE OPERATED BY LESOTHO AIRWAYS. BEECHCRAFT 99A FAVORED AIRCRAFT BUT LESOTHO AIRWAYS INDICATED DECISION WOULD TAKE SOME TIME.

2. FOR COMMERCE: EMBASSY RECEIVED CALL FROM LESOTHO AIRWAYS THAT HARD INFORMATION NEEDED TO REACH DECISION ON PURCHASE. BEECHCRAFT'S SOUTH AFRICAN DISTRIBUTOR HAS QUOTED PRICE OF \$865,650 FOR MODEL 99A. LESOTHO AIRWAYS THINKS THIS HIGH AND WANTS TO KNOW PRICE DIRECT FROM BEECHCRAFT IN U.S. THIS RAISES QUESTION OF BEECHCRAFT'S WILLINGNESS TO SELL AROUND ITS SOUTH AFRICAN DISTRIBUTOR WHOSE TERRITORY INCLUDES LESOTHO. FROM POINT OF VIEW USG POSITION IN LESOTHO IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF SALE COULD BE MADE INDEPENDENT OF DISTRIBUTOR.

3. FOR EXIMBANK: LESOTHO AIRWAYS OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN MADE GENERALLY AWARE OF EXIM OPERATIONS. THERE NOW IS REQUIREMENT
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FOR CLOSE ESTIMATE ON TERMS THAT COULD BE OFFERED.

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